



388TH FIGHTER WING NEWS



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Upcoming HCC Tour



388th Fighter Wing leadership will host an afternoon base tour for Honorary Commanders Aug. 30. The tour will focus on how Hill AFB helps to support the wing's mission. The tour will begin around 11:50 a.m. at Club Hill. Please contact 388 FW/PA at andrea.houck@hill.af.mil / 801.777.3200 to RSVP.

Aug.
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Combat Hammer



You may hear more flying around the base as the 86th and 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadrons conduct the U.S. Air Force Air-to-Ground and Air-to-Air Weapons System Evaluation Program called Combat Hammer Aug. 5-26. With support from the 388th Range Squadron, Airmen will review and evaluate the effectiveness of weapons systems scenarios and their suitability for use in combat. See the clip on our Facebook page!

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It's Round- Up Time!



Make sure you save the date for our annual Round Up, sponsored by the Hill AFB spouses. It's scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 at Club Hill. Please secure items to donate, and make sure to purchase your tickets! Contact the new 388 FW secretary, Julie Schmid, at 801.309.7008 / rounduptickets@yahoo.com.

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Welcome home 729 ACS

Nearly 150 members of the 729 Air Control Squadron returned home to Hill AFB July 20 after a six-month deployment.

In the skies over Afghanistan, members of the 729 ACS were wartime air traffic controllers.

They manned radar control stations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and held the enemy at bay directing coalition airpower where it's needed.

Proudly welcoming home the 'Angry Warriors' were Col. Scott Long, 388th Fighter Wing commander, Lt. Col. Pat Skendziel, 729 Squadron commander, and numerous civic leaders. To name a few there were Peter Jenks, Mayor Steve Curtis, Jodi Holmgren, Russ Maughan and our new Honorary Commander, Stan Kaminski. It was a joyful day for the returning warriors and especially for their families.

"I'm extremely proud of our returning Angry Warriors," Lt. Col. Skendziel said.

"I also greatly appreciate the sacrifices of their families, who make it possible for them to deploy in support of our nation's efforts," he said.

The group spent summer 2010 preparing for the deployment at the Utah Test and Training Range.

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Key Events at a Glance

Col. Scott Long and Col. Sarah Zabel visit Capitol Hill

Both commanders met with Utah's Congressional Delegation Aug. 4 in Washington, D.C. Special thanks to Congressman Bishop for providing an insightful Capitol Hill tour.

Maintenance hosts a visit from Maj. Gen. Thomas Conant

The commanding general of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing arrived Aug. 4 so he could see the results of the joint repair work on a V-22 Osprey.

Assisted with the transfer of fallen Army Warrior

On July 28, 388th Fighter Wing members honored the arrival of Cpl. Raphael Arruda, who was killed while serving in Afghanistan as an Army Reservist.

Held Stadium of Fire flyover

Four pilots from the 4 FS performed an F-16 flyover July 2 at the Stadium of Fire celebration in Provo.

Supported Travis AFB Airshow

Provided a static display at the airshow held on Aug. 3.

Conducted Civic Leader Tour at the Utah Test and Training Range

Nearly 80 members of Utah's Military Affairs Committee and 388 FW Honorary Commanders/Falcons toured the Oasis portion of the UTTR July 27.

Welcomed a visit from Mr. Doug Bush, Professional Staff, HASC

Provided an incentive flight and in-depth 388th Fighter Wing mission brief / tour to Mr. Bush July 19-20.

Conducted a range clean up

This effort yielded 600,000 pounds of recyclable debris and collected more than 70 bombs.

<http://www.388fw.acc.af.mil/>

Dedicated Crew Chief: Airpower's Most Important Role

Twenty-six dedicated crew chiefs from the 388th Fighter Wing were each assigned an F-16 Fighting Falcon during a ceremony Aug. 5, recognizing them as the maintenance experts on their respective aircraft assigned to the 388th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

The ceremony also paired each crew chief with a pilot assigned to the aircraft.

Maj. Abigail Ruscetta, 388th AMS commander, explained an aircraft dedicated crew chief's responsibilities at the ceremony.

"The crew chief 'owns' the airplane, so they're responsible for the maintenance, upkeep, appearance, and they have to keep the jet in tip-top shape," she said.

"To be a dedicated crew chief, a maintainer must have a deeper, technical knowledge of the aircraft, demonstrate superior performance, as well as display initiative and leadership," Major Ruscetta said.

Along with their names on their respective jets, the crew chiefs each received coins from the 4 FS pilots, and the pilots received an engraved mug with the crew chief's name on it.

Col. Scott Long addressed the crowd and also expressed the importance of recognizing crew chiefs for their efforts in maintaining the wing's fleet of F-16 Fighting Falcons.

"It requires a special team to fly these jets," Colonel Long said. "It takes a lot of work and dedication behind every sortie to generate it. When that jet goes up into the air, every mission it supports is powered by maintenance, and with the crew chief's name on it - he can take pride in all that jet participates in."

Meet our new Honorary Commanders!



Mr. Stan Kaminski,
St. Regis Hotel, Park City

The 388th Fighter Wing proudly welcomes two new HCC's to our fantastic team of civic leaders. Thank you all for your continued support!



Rep. Todd Kiser,
Utah State House of Rep.